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 ) Attorney Docket: C0013  
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 ) Art Unit: 3752  
Serial No.: 09/998,510 )  
 ) Examiner: Hook, James F.  
)  
Filed: November 30, 2001 )  
Title: High Density Fiber Optic Cable Inner Ducts

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.116  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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Following please find a Reply to Office Action dated May 6, 2004  
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